

PARKING ORDINANCES

(As of July 15, 2001 Chief Brian Page raised all fines to \$30.00)

- 1) **BEACH PARKING** - Ordinance regulates parking at certain parking spaces leased to the Town of North Hampton by the State of New Hampshire at North Hampton State Beach. (Ordinance 1-89, Revised July 22, 1996 / original Ordinance 1-89, Enacted August 1, 1989)

It shall be unlawful for any person having the custody or control of any vehicle, to park or cause to be parked at any of the above mentioned parking spaces where signs have been posted restricting such parking, unless a permit which is permanently attached to the vehicle is obtained and is displayed.

Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be issued a parking ticket payable to the Town of North Hampton, said ticket ***not to exceed \$50.00***. The Chief of Police or any officer of the North Hampton Police Department may cause any vehicle parked in violation of this ordinance to be removed at the expense of the owner.

- ***From the State of New Hampshire Department of Public Works and Highways dated June 8, 1977:***

Parking Regulation: In accordance with RSA 262-A:72 and RSA 249:5 a section of Route 1A Parking Area in the Town of North Hampton, New Hampshire, beginning at a point on the easterly side of the highway approximately 1300 ft. northerly of the Hampton Town line a distance of approximately 800 ft. to the end of Parking Area on Route 1A is hereby restricted and within the area so described the parking of vehicles of any type is prohibited between the hours of 12:00 am to 7:00 am.

- 2) **WINTER PARKING** - This ordinance regulates parking on all Town and State roads or ways used by the public in the Town of North Hampton. (Ordinance 1-96, Revised April 22, 1996 / Ordinance 6-82, Revised May 10, 1982 / original Ordinance 2-77, Enacted November 30, 1977, excerpt from Parking Ordinance))

a) It shall be unlawful for any person having the custody or control of any vehicle to park or allow to be parked along any public highway or any municipal parking lot in the Town of North Hampton from 12:00 am – 7:00 am from November 15th through April 15th or during any snow storm, day or night.

b) In the event of a snow storm requiring plowing, as deemed necessary by the Road Agent, a “Snow Emergency” shall be called by the Chief of Police or his designee. The Chief of Police or his designee shall contact two (2) radio stations to notify the public that such a ban exists and shall specify the start of the Snow Emergency and shall estimate when the Snow Emergency will be called off. The

Chief of Police or his designee shall also make the police aware of the details of the Snow Emergency so that they may inform anyone who might inquire. It shall be unlawful for any person having the custody or control of any vehicle to park or cause the same to be parked that shall interfere with snow removal from the roadways during a Snow Emergency. When deemed necessary, the Chief of Police, his designee, or any officer of the police department shall order any such vehicle towed and stored at the owner's expense.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be issued a parking ticket payable to the Town of North Hampton, said ticket ***not to exceed \$30.00.***

- 3) **YARD SALES** - Parking and safety: The yard sale permittee shall be responsible for controlling any parking and/or safety problems arising from the conduct of any sale. The North Hampton Police Department shall be empowered to determine if such problems exist or are likely to arise and shall make recommendations with regard thereto. (Ordinance 1-91, Enacted March 14, 1978/Amended July 26, 1991, excerpt from the Yard Sale ordinance)

Failure to obtain a permit will result in the closing of the sale by the North Hampton Police Department and any person holding such unauthorized sale be liable to a fine of \$50.00. Failure to comply with the recommendations of the North Hampton Police Department with reference to parking and/or safety conditions will result in revocation of the permit, closing of the sale and the person holding the sale ***shall be liable to a fine of \$50.00.***

- 4) **REGULATIONS OF THE PUBLIC BEACHES & RECREATION AREAS –**
a) Motor vehicles of any kind are not permitted on the beaches. (Ordinance 1-77, Enacted June 18, 1977, excerpt from Regulations of The Public Beaches and Recreation Areas ordinance)
b) Beaches shall be open to public use daily from one half hour before sunrise to midnight, and shall not be open at any other time, except in cases of emergency and to persons going thereon to fish or lobster or for the protection of property. (Ordinance 1-77, Enacted June 18, 1977, excerpt from Regulations of The Public Beaches and Recreation Areas ordinance)

Any person found violating this may be evicted from the beach and/or face court action, and shall be fined ***not more than \$50.00.***

* ***No mention or restriction of parking at Dearborn Park.***

- 4) **POSTED PARKING** - It shall be unlawful for any person having the custody or control of any vehicle, to park or cause the same to be parked on any public way in the Town of North Hampton where signs have been posted restricting such parking. (Ordinance 1-96, Revised April 22, 1996 / Ordinance 6-82, Revised

May 10, 1982 / original Ordinance 2-77, Enacted November 30, 1977, excerpt from Parking Ordinance)

Any person violating the provision of this ordinance shall be issued a parking ticket payable to the Town of North Hampton, said ticket ***not to exceed \$30.00***. The Chief of Police or any officer of the North Hampton Police Department may cause any vehicle parked in violation of this ordinance to be removed from the street or highway at the expense of the owner.

- 5) **SLEEPING IN VEHICLES** - It shall be unlawful for any person to sleep in any vehicle parked upon any public highway, or any public property without first obtaining permission from the North Hampton Police Department. (Ordinance 1-65, Enacted July 3, 1965)

Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction therefor shall be liable to a penalty of ***not more than \$30.00*** for each offense. Any vehicle parked in violation of this ordinance may be ordered towed away by the Police of the Town of North Hampton at the expense of the owner or custodian of said vehicle.

- 6) **NIGHT PARKING** - It shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any vehicle to park or cause the same to be parked between the hours of 9:00 pm and 7:00 am on any public street or highway in the Town of North Hampton so that said vehicle interferes with snow plowing and/or snow removal operations of the Town Highway Department between the dates of November 15th of each year to March 15th of the following year. (Ordinance 3-76, Revised December 13, 1976 / original Ordinance 1-71, Enacted March 22, 1971)

Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction therefor shall be liable to a penalty of ***not more than \$30.00*** for each offense. Any vehicle parked on any street in violation of this ordinance may be ordered towed away by the police of the Town of North Hampton at the expense of the owner or custodian of said vehicle.

(This ordinance is superceded by Parking Ordinance dated April 22, 1996)

- 7) **FIRE LANE** - *There is no ordinance reference parking in a fire lane. Ordinance 4-76 enacted July 19, 1976 establishes the adoption of Fire Prevention Code, and section 7 deals with establishment of fire lanes on private property, devoted to public use.*
- 8) **HANDICAP PARKING** - *There is no ordinance reference parking in a handicap parking spot. An ordinance should be clear at how a handicap parking spot should be marked as well, suggested both signage **and** international symbol painted on the pavement of the spot. Planning Board could address the marking of a handicap spot.*

